

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION
May 13, 2003**

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FROM: GARY PENROD, Sheriff
Sheriff's Department

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve four grant applications to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant Program, for a total of \$205,000.
2. Authorize Sheriff to execute four grant applications on file with the Clerk of the Board.
3. Adopt resolution as required by the grant applications.
4. Authorize Sheriff to submit grant applications to the State of California.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation administers the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant program that provides funding to cities, counties, appropriate districts and non-profit organizations to provide OHV recreation and OHV-related activities. This program is funded from OHV registrations, fines and forfeitures, fees and fuel taxes. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. To date, the County has been awarded \$205,000 under this program, for off-road enforcement in the unincorporated areas near Barstow and the Victor Valley.

This year the Sheriff's Department has prepared four applications for submission under this grant program to continue off-road enforcement in the unincorporated areas of Barstow, Morongo Valley and Victor Valley. The grant applications are summarized as follows:

Station	Personnel & Materials	Equipment	Total Funds Requested	Required Match	Total Project Cost
Barstow Station	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$21,000	\$81,000
Barstow Station	41,000	0	41,000	0	41,000
Morongo Station	38,000	0	38,000	0	38,000
Victor Valley Station	66,000	0	66,000	0	66,000
Total	\$145,000	\$60,000	\$205,000	\$21,000	\$226,000

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One of the applications submitted for the Barstow Station is for the purchase of a 4x4 sport utility vehicle with off-road suspension and necessary emergency and radio communications equipment. The required 25% match for this application, in the amount of \$21,000, will be met by utilizing existing department personnel to implement the program. The remaining applications request reimbursement of overtime costs and materials; these applications do not require matching funds.

Funds awarded would be used to provide OHV law enforcement on peak off-road days, safeguard the desert habitat and provide information and educational materials to the public on the safe and legal use of off-road vehicles in the following areas:

OHV Site	Acreage	Sheriff's Station(s)
Stoddard Valley	54,696 acres	Barstow & Victor Valley Stations
Dumont Dunes	10,056 acres	Barstow Station
Rasor	22,485 acres	Barstow Station
Spangler Hills	57,000 acres	Barstow Station
Johnson Valley	188,374 acres	Morongo & Victor Valley Stations
El Mirage	25,850 acres	Victor Valley Station

The grant requires adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors. The grant period is from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2003.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel (Kevin Norris, Deputy County Counsel) on May 2, 2003, and has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Mario Lara, Administrative Analyst) on May 2, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: These grant applications, for a total of \$205,000, would provide funding for off-road enforcement. Implementation of the program is contingent on grant funding. The required match of \$21,000 will be met utilizing existing staff to implement the program. If the County's application is approved, the Department will return to the Board to accept the grant award and authorize necessary appropriation and revenue adjustments.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's proposal since it will provide funding to defray the cost of off-road law enforcement activities. The matching fund requirement is minimal and will be met through in-kind services without an increase in local cost funding.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First and Third

PRESENTER: Rod Hoops, Captain (387-3637)

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